

REMARKS

Claims in the case are 1-6, upon entry of this amendment. Claims 7, 8 and 10 have been cancelled herein.

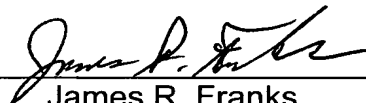
In the Communication of 23 September 2002, the Examiner has required an election from amongst three (3) groups of claims: Group I (i.e., Claims 1-6); Group II (i.e., Claims 7 and 8); and Group III (i.e., Claim 10). Applicants herein elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I (i.e., Claims 1-6).

All non-elected claims have been cancelled, and Applicants will take appropriate action relative thereto in due course. In light of the amendments herein, and Applicants' election relative to the Communication of 23 September 2002, it is believed that the Examiner will act on all of the currently pending claims (i.e., Claims 1-6).

Applicants respectfully request an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

As explicitly set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(c)(1)(ii), last sentence, a **marked up version** does **not** have to be supplied for an **added** claim or a **cancelled** claim as it is sufficient to state that a particular claim has been added, or cancelled, and this has been so stated in the Amendment.

In particular, in this case, Claims 7,8 and 10 have been cancelled.